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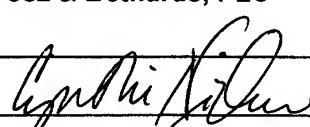
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION

Sir:

This is responsive to requirement for information, contained in paragraph 2 of the office action mailed June 2, 2004. A shortened statutory period of 30 days was set for replying to the requirement for information. A separate Amendment with a complete response to the office action will be timely filed.

The office action requires applicant to provide a clarification of certain matters, or a correlation of art-accepted terminology, so that a proper comparison with the prior art can be made. Specifically, the office action contends that the terms "input/output unit" and "data input/output region" are "so different from that which is generally accepted in the art to which this invention pertains".

Applicants respectfully submit that the term “input/output unit” is described, either directly or by example, in many parts of the specification, including, for example:

- Page 4, lines 26-28, show that an input/output unit is a unit that performs input **or** output, or a unit that performs input **and** output.
- Page 11, lines 23-25 show that the sensor sheets 2a, 2b and 2c (shown in several figures) are examples of the input unit.
- Page 11, lines 26-28 show that an input system including an input unit is an example of an input/output system.
- Page 26, lines 6-15 show other examples of an input system and of an output system including an output unit.

The term “data input/output region” is similarly defined or described in several parts of the specification, including, for example:

- Page 8, lines 5-7, in which a data input/output region is equipped with a function for inputting and/or outputting data.
- Page 20, lines 7-10, and figures 7 and 9, illustrate an example data input region 75.
- Page 26, lines 6-15 illustrate examples of data input regions and data output regions.

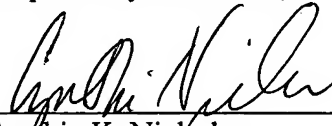
Further, it is respectfully submitted that the terminology “input/output” is generally accepted in the art to which this invention pertains.

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If questions relating to the requirement for information remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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